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## Parish Women Plan Annual Retreat Sun.

The annual retreat for women of St. Hugh's Parish will be held Sunday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington Retreat House. The retreat will be directed by Father Gregory Miller, O.C.D. The retreat is a day of recollection, including private devotions, meditations, conferences and lectures, and is held once a year at the Retreat House for each parish in the Diocese.

Mrs. Margaret Baldwin is retreat captain and may be reached at GR. 7402 for reservations or information.

## Final Co-op Lecture Slated Wed. Mar. 10

"Public Relations of Consumer Cooperatives" was the topic of a public lecture given by John V. Hinkel, professor of public relations at the School of Journalism of George Washington University, last Wednesday evening. Prof. Hinkel spoke at the fifth session of the Potomac Cooperative Institute at the Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave. N.W.

Prof. Hinkel described the value of the participation of cooperatives in community affairs and of a close relationship between co-ops and labor unions, churches and schools. He outlined how cooperatives are promoted through publicity and advertising in the press and through other channels of public information. He discussed the training of co-op leaders and employees and the creation and maintenance of high morale in cooperative organizations.

William H. Petri, general manager of Rochdale Cooperative of Virginia and Rochdale Cooperative Services (D.C.), introduced Prof. Hinkel.

Final lecture in the Institute series will be given Wednesday evening, March 10, when Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, acting chairman of the economics department of Georgetown University, will describe "The Economic Significance of Consumer Cooperatives".



Dr. Dobriansky will discuss the potential influence of consumer cooperatives on prices, on distribution of income and wealth, and on cushioning cyclical depressions. He will describe the comparative survival rates of co-ops and private businesses and outline the elements of co-op success and failure.

Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, will introduce Dr. Dobriansky. The lecture will start at 8 p.m. and be followed by an hour of open discussion. All sessions of the Institute are held at the Friends Meeting House.

Programs and information about the lecture are available from Gail M. Harper, 2-B Eastway, or from the Greenbelt Consumer Services office. The Institute is sponsored by the Potomac Cooperative Federation.

## Juvenile Car-Theft Gang Nabbed by Police

Greenbelt police cracked a juvenile car-theft gang this week and apprehended eight boys and three girls. All were between the ages 13-16, and came from College Park, Ellicott City, Beltsville, and Greenbelt.

Seven cars were stolen from Greenbelt since January 26, Police Chief George Panagoulis announced. Some were returned and others abandoned.

The case was broken when a car was reported parked in a Greenbelt garage without authorization. Police investigation disclosed the owner lived in Baltimore. The owner reported that the car was stolen from her daughter in College Park. Police kept the car under surveillance, and noticed some teen-agers drive it away at 12:30 late Friday night. After the occupants discharged a passenger in the city, the police apprehended the passenger and driver.

After questioning, the youngsters confessed the names of others in the gang, and they were rounded up. They were charged with auto theft, and their case will be heard in Juvenile court March 17.

## Woman's Club Speaker Stresses Social Service

Mrs. Benjamin Goldfaden, director of the Prince Georges Social Service League, was guest speaker at the Woman's Club meeting held last Thursday night.

Mrs. Goldfaden spoke on the various social service departments in Prince Georges County. She said that the Social Service League was maintained solely by Community Chest funds.

Commending the club on the great amount of welfare work that has been done for various institutions, she said that it was only through such help that so much was accomplished in the county.

The meeting was held by the Welfare Department of the club, headed by Mrs. A. C. Long. Hostesses for the evening were Miss Elizabeth Goetze, Mrs. J. W. Brubaker, and Mrs. Dan Branch.

In her talk Mrs. Goldfaden explained how a typical case was given a plan to follow that would make the family once more a happy and responsible one. She showed how a case worker found it necessary to have plenty of patience, understanding and knowledge of what course to take when working on such a case.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

1. Is it too late to nominate directors to be voted on at next Tuesday's membership meeting of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation?
2. How may the by-laws of GVHC be changed?
3. What constitutes a quorum at a GVHC meeting?
4. What pay do GVHC board members receive?
5. Can GVHC board members vote by mail?

## Woman's Club Forum On Juvenile Delinquency

Judge Theodore Miazga of Prince Georges County Court will be the guest speaker at the Woman's Club meeting on March 11 at 8 p.m. in the Center School social room. He will speak on how juvenile delinquents are being handled in the county.

Judge Miazga has spoken to other organizations in Greenbelt, such as the Lions Club and the Junior High PTA. This is the first time, however, that teenagers have been invited to attend and participate in the discussion which follows Judge Miazga's speech.

## Legion Home Hears Orators Wednesday

Four area youngsters will compete in an oratorical contest at the American Legion Post home Wednesday, March 10. The contest is sponsored nationally by the American Legion for high school students. The "United States Constitution" is the subject for the orators, and the winner will compete in the area finals in Hyattsville, March 15. State finals are in Baltimore, March 19.

Preliminary contests for Area B of the Southern Maryland District of the Department of Maryland, were held this week in Cheverly and Suitland. Winners will appear Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Post home semi-finals.

National winner of the Legion oratory contest will receive a college scholarship, and runners-up will receive educational benefits. Commander Harry Seay, of Greenbelt Post 136, announced that the affair is open to all citizens and he extends a warm invitation for parents, teachers and residents to attend.

**FLASH!** Auto license plates will be available in Greenbelt this year, it has been announced. Watch next week's Cooperator for further details.

## Awards Given Boys Club Football Team

By E. Don Bullian

Coach "Chuck" Link's undefeated 105-lb. team of the Prince Georges County Boys Club was awarded trophies at a special dinner held last Thursday night at the Community Church. Individual team members of both the 105-lb. team and Coach Speziale's 90-lb. team received Boys Club letters.

Speakers for the evening were the coach of the Maryland Freshman Team and John Irvine, Terapin center.

Coaches Link and Sauls of the 105-pounders were presented with gifts by the parents of the football players. They were praised not only for their efforts in winning the championship but also for their interest in the welfare of the boys.

Lt. Attick of the Police Department was master of ceremonies.

## PR Advocates Plan Appeal To Members To Retain Hare System

By Russell Greenbaum

Reports that advocates of the Hare system of voting will make a last-ditch stand at the annual GVHC membership meeting next Tuesday night, March 9, to retain this system despite its declared illegality, were discussed by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors at their meeting Thursday, February 25.

Ralph Webster, chairman of the GVHC board, stated that he will rule out of order any motion concerning the Hare system. The board has declared, because of strong legal opinion, the illegality of this voting system in the election of members to the GVHC board, and auditing committee.

The board substituted the plurality system as more nearly conforming to the law regarding elections in organizations such as GVHC, but a petition from the membership seeks a by-law amendment installing the majority system.

Meanwhile, supporters of the Hare system argue that a legal opinion is not sufficient cause to abolish its use but that such action can only result from a court decision. They insist that GVHC must retain the Hare system unless the required two-thirds of the members at the meeting specifically approve either the majority or the plurality system.

No voting will be allowed until the voting issue has been settled. The agenda of the board calls for a vote on the petition for the majority system as the first item under new business. The agenda states that a vote against this amendment is a vote for the plurality system. It is expected that supporters of the Hare system will attempt to seek a membership vote on the plurality system as well.

Other business discussed by the board was whether GVHC should take over the house built by the Carl M. Freeman Co. on Northway as a model home for the new Woodland and Ridgewood cooperative housing developments.

Freeman, who put up \$4,500 toward the construction of this house, is now desirous of putting up the house for sale within 30 days according to an earlier agreement. The board postponed a decision on whether the Corporation should make financial arrangements to acquire the house so that it can remain on display as a model home for the developments.

## Greenbelt Garden Club Assigns Plots Monday

Garden plots will be assigned at the next meeting of the Greenbelt Garden Club in the home economics room of the center school, 8 p.m., Monday, March 8. Membership in the club is not a prerequisite for a garden plot. Those who wish may call Hans Jorgensen (GR. 4-5737), evenings only, for a plot assignment. Orders for commercial fertilizer at discount prices will also be taken at the meeting on Monday.

## Shakedown Case Dismissed

Shakedown charges against two Greenbelt Junior High boys were dismissed by Judge Nita S. H. Crane in Upper Marlboro. She said she was satisfied the racket had been "nipped in the bud."

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## HARE SYSTEM ILLEGAL?

Opponents of the Hare System of voting (now in use by Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and Greenbelt Consumer Services) have finally located an apparent Achille's heel: a legal opinion. They have succeeded in creating a climate in which the Hare System is now considered "illegal", and the Board of Directors of GVHC has unfortunately used this phrase in the notice of the meeting. I am sure that a little sober reflection would have caused the Board to at least put in a qualifying adjective.

Let's look at the facts:

1. Does a legal opinion constitute illegality? The Board has sought and received legal opinions on the Hare System. On the basis of these opinions it has become judge, jury and prosecuting attorney, and has declared the Hare System illegal. It is no such thing. Under American tradition, such an action can be taken only in a court of law, and then after all the evidence has been appraised.

2. Would the corporation be in legal jeopardy if the Hare System is continued? At the last membership meeting, GVHC's legal counsel doubted that it would.

3. Does the Board of Directors have an obligation to carry out the wishes of the membership and the By-laws? At the last meeting also, the members indicated by their voting that they wished the Hare System continued. The Board of Directors, in announcing that it will conduct the election by the plurality system if the majority system is not voted in, is acting contrary to the by-laws and would be against the wishes of the membership. This is an important issue to the members of GVHC and it may concern the life of the organization at some future date. GOS went through precarious times in 1943-1945, and there are some who believe that only the minority representation afforded by the Hare System helped GCS to pull through.

Don't let a phrase frighten you. A legal opinion is simply a lawyer's opinion. The Board has a right and obligation to seek such opinions when it feels they are warranted, but it also has a higher obligation to carry out the actions of the membership and to act in orderly procedure, according to our by-laws.

Come to the meeting. Hear all the facts. Then make up your own mind whether or not you wish to retain the Hare System. The election of Directors is the most important function performed by you, as a member of GVHC, and you should surely have the right to decide how you want to conduct such elections.

Thomas B. Ritchie.

## LEGION DANCE

A dance, sponsored by local American Legion Post 136, will be held at the post home Saturday night, March 6. Tickets are \$2.50 a couple.

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## GVHC ELECTION

It should be gratifying to the members of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation to have the opportunity to select Directors and three members of the Auditing Committee from upwards of 30 candidates. The Nominations and Elections Committee is to be congratulated on its fine job.

The next and most important step, is the actual voting at the election. Each of our some 1400 members has the right and the responsibility to take part. This is not a job that should be left to the other fellow. The stake of each member is too great.

Plan to vote. Talk to your friends and neighbors about voting. Assist them if necessary by furnishing transportation or babysitting service. Votes may be cast at the Annual meeting on Tuesday evening March 9 or all day Wednesday.

Ralph F. Webster,  
President, Board of Directors.

## NOTICE

The Cooperator cannot accept unsigned letters to the editor. We will withhold publication of the name upon request, but the letter must be signed. Last week, we received an excellent letter regarding the sanitary conditions in the apartment houses. We were unable to publish it because it was unsigned. If the writer will identify himself to us, we will be happy to publish the letter.

The Editor.

## HONEYMOONERS

Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Frady, who were married February 25 in New York City on the Bride and Groom TV program, are enjoying their honeymoon at Pocono Manor Inn, Pa. Mrs. Frady is the former Miss Blanche I. Magill of Silver Spring, Md. Frady is from Greenbelt, where the couple will reside.

## GREENBELT BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross, 32-B Crescent, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berg, 20-H Hillside, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Avery, 55-D Ridge, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cookson, 16-Z Ridge, girl.

Pamela Mularcik, born last week, came equipped with a tooth. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Mularcik, 4-E Laurel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Deac Bonfanti, Plainfield, Vt., 7 lb. 5½ oz. girl.

## ITEMS

Sally and Milton Brandon have moved to 1074 Ruatan Street, Silver Spring, Md. No phone as yet.

Delegates to the Spring Rally Conference of the Pilgrim Fellowship (the Congregational-Christian youth organization) meeting in First Congregational Church in Westfield, New Jersey, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week are Peggy Taylor, Annie Redd Fontaine, Janet and Jackie Huffman. Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Muller are driving the group to and from the conference.

## FROM "9" TO "91"

It was difficult for me to constrain my heartfelt joy and gratification upon learning that the telephone company has improved our service by making it possible for us to dial 91 instead of 9 when calling the other party on our line. Mere words cannot express the flood of gratitude that enveloped me when I fully understood the startling importance of this improvement in Greenbelt telephone service.

Of course, the problems caused by the lack of automatic interceptor service, by the difficulty of reaching the operator, by the fact that Greenbelt residents pay as much for dismally poor service as other metropolitan residents pay for modern, efficient service — all these problems were paled into insignificance by the brilliance of the technical advancement that now permits me to call the other party by dialing 91 instead of 9.

Only the mystic future can tell what additional delights of technological advancement the telephone company has in store for us. I for one, feel I shall not be able to withstand another such fit of ecstasy as that caused by the new "91" improvement.

Bernard Krug.

## NO SECTIONALISM

I see where some of the "so-called" politicians are trying once again to split the town into opposing factions based on sectionalism or classes. A petition is being circulated that Frame House owners are being discriminated against, simply because they are Frame House owners and that the way to correct this situation is to elect to GVHC, certain persons whose sole qualification is that they happen to live in a Frame House. This is the quickest way I know of to destroy GVHC and our investment in our homes—but think also what it will do to the community itself.

As a candidate for the Board, I might very easily ask: that all members with children vote for me because I have seven myself (maybe eight now); that all three-bedroom members do likewise because I have a three-bedroom house; that all Catholics vote for me because I'm one; that all veterans vote for me because I'm a veteran. In like manner, I could solicit the votes of beer drinkers, poker players, old Greenbelters, new Greenbelters and many other classes or sections of town.

But I hope nobody is so narrow-minded as to vote for me on the basis of religion, race, group or section. I hope that all Greenbelters vote for the nine best men who will manage GVHC for the benefit of the whole community.

A. C. Long.

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor  
GR. 3-5911

Friday, March 5: Holy hour with Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 8 o'clock.

Saturday: Confessions in the afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses; 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Communion Sunday for members of the Sodality at the 7:30 Mass. Teen-age Sodality will receive at the 8:30 Mass. Annual Retreat for women of the parish. Religious instructions for Catholic children enrolled in public schools each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m., followed by sermon, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Monthly meeting of St. Hugh's Sodality immediately afterwards. There will be a question and answer period during the meeting.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School  
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.  
Acting Pastor  
GR. 3-4844

Sunday, March 7 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, J. S. Stewart, Supt. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship, Sermon "If Christ Came to Washington." The Lord's Supper. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during Sunday School and Worship hours. 6:30 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for entire family, Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship, message, "Seven Steps in Peter's Restoration."

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal, 4 Woodland Way.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service, Room 201, Center School.

Saturday, 10 a.m., Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge, Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, Director. Ph. GR. 3-2977.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

Regular weekly services of The Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of the Center School.

Candle lighting time is at 5:30 p.m.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

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Harry B. Miles, Associate

Session of the Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, Superintendent. Worship service, 11 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Strausburg. Special music by the choir. Sunday School and worship at the North End School. 6 p.m., Methodist Youth Fellowship at the Chapel, Woodlandway. Mr. Miles will have charge of the service.

Friday, March 5 - Father and Son banquet at the Center School at 7 p.m. An interesting program is in store for those who attend.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull  
Ministers  
Elizabeth Goetz  
Minister of Music

Friday, March 5 - World Day of Prayer. All women of Greenbelt are invited to meet at Community Church at 12 for coffee; cars will take them to University Park Church of the Brethren for the Service at 1:30. Community Church will be open from 2 for private devotions.

Sunday, March 7 - First Sunday in Lent, 9 and 11, Sacrament of Holy Communion. Reception of new members. Communion Meditation by Mr. Braund "The Greatest Friend in the World." At 11 the Chancel Choir will sing John Huss's Communion Hymn, "Jesus Christ our Strong Salvation" with Richard Heise, Baritone Soloist. (John Huss, one of the great reformers, was burned at the stake in 1415.) 10 a.m., Pastor's Class of instruction for boys and girls leading to Confirmation on Palm Sunday begins, Church Study, 5, Jr. Hi Fellowship; 6:30, Chapel Service, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Talk by Mr. Braund "The Meaning of Lent." 7, Sr. Hi Fellowship.

Monday, March 8 - 6:30, All-Church Covered Dish Supper. Bring your own table service; coffee will be supplied by ladies of the church. 8, Annual Meeting.

Wednesday, March 10 - 8-9, School of Christian Churchmanship for new and prospective members, led by Mr. Hull, Social Hall.

Saturday, March 13 - 8:15, Couples Club Mixer Party, Social Hall.

## GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor  
Phone: GRanite 4-2051

Sunday, March 7: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Sermon topic: "A Boy and his God." Cub Scout troop No. 229 will receive its charter at the 11 o'clock service. Visitors are always welcome. A nursery is maintained during the late service for the benefit of parents with small children.

Wednesday, March 10: 8 p.m., Lenten services.

Thursday, March 11: 8 p.m., Vestry meets in the church office.

Friday, March 12: 8 p.m., Sunday School teachers meet.

## Community Church Annual Meeting Mar. 8

Monday, March 8, Community Church will hold its Annual Meeting, which all members of the Church are urged to attend. Preceding the meeting at 8 p.m., will be a covered dish supper at 6:30. Families are asked to bring their own table service. Coffee and fruit punch will be supplied by the ladies of the Church. Immediately following supper, a 25 minute color film movie of some typical events in the life of the Community Church, including parts of a Church Service, will be shown.

The business meeting will begin with election of officers, consideration of the budget, and reports. All members and friends are invited.

## G. V. H. C.

## Annual Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1954 8:15 p. m.

## GREENBELT THEATRE

Election of nine directors and three audit committee members. By-law amendments on method of voting.

Bruce Bowman, Secy.

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## Northwestern Notes

By Peggy Markfield

Northwestern will hold an Open House on Saturday evening, March 27, in cooperation with the PTA. On the same evening the school will open its annual Science Fair to the public.

The open house is being held to give ninth grade students who will enroll in high school this coming September the opportunity of touring the building. School officials hope that ninth graders will take advantage of this chance to discuss subjects being offered with the teachers and to secure help in planning their high school life.

The Science Fair, which is regarded as one of the important events of the school year, takes place March 26 and 27. The winners of the fair will enter into competition with other schools.

Thursday and Friday the school will present a three act mystery play entitled "Nine Girls."

Northwestern's wrestling team will participate in the Metropolitan Tournament to be held at St. Albans School for Girls on March 5 and 6. The team has been county champion for the third straight year.

Wrestling begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday the semi-finals start at 1 p.m. and the finals begin at 7:30 in the evening.

Two of Northwestern's students, Kay Johnson and Mildred Elder, a former Greenbelter, won first prize in the oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. The contest was held at the Cheverly Legion House March 1. The two girls hope to enter into national competition.

The music department will present its annual music review entitled "Beach Liberty" on March 18 and 19.

## Poetry Corner

We've lived through many things This year; so many that we've learned to fear:  
The Atom Bomb, the Hydrogen,  
Perhaps next year - the Nitrogen;  
The world crowds in - does not recede,  
And in the crush - so many bleed.  
"Mark".

Life in its definite cycle  
Encompasses many strange things,  
The wider grows ones acquaintance,  
The lesser ones narrowness clings.

Why call the stranger peculiar,  
And how laugh at his oddities?  
What of our stabilized notions,  
How could he be happy with these?  
"Mark".

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## Income Tax Returns

By E. DonBullian

This article was prepared for and is presented by the Cooperator as a public service to its readers.

The income tax points discussed are of particular interest to residents of Greenbelt. Intricate points of income tax law have been avoided; depreciation, capital gains, carry-overs, tax exempt securities and the like have been intentionally omitted. As over 95% of Greenbelt tax-payers are Government or salaried employees, it seems fitting to highlight the features of the tax laws which affect them. The numerous questions that have been raised and the recent changes in the tax law have been the basis for selection of the points discussed.

Most individuals know what form to use, but so many questions have come up recently as to what form to use and how to use it, that a brief explanation of these points seems to be in order. There are two forms, the 1040A and pages 1 and 2 of form 1040. You are filling a long form when you also fill out page 3 of form 1040. Your W-2 must be attached to whatever form you file. Internal Revenue computes your tax when you file a 1040A, for incomes of less than \$5,000. Any form can be used in claiming a refund, but the 1040A should be used on incomes of less than \$600. If you want to know what your tax liability is, on earnings of less than \$5,000, without listing deductions, you look up your tax on page 4 and fill in pages 1 and 2 of form 1040; thus you are filing a short form 1040. If you list deductions or earn \$5,000 or over, you are required to fill in page 3 in addition to page 1 and 2 which makes up the long form 1040. If a husband lists deductions, the wife must also list deductions. Taking the standard deduction on earnings of \$5,000 or more does not constitute a listing of deductions. If you do not list deductions on earnings of less than \$5,000, you can use the 1040A or use the table; you cannot compute your tax by taking the 10% standard deduction.

If your net income after subtracting deductions (listed or standard) and exemptions exceeds \$2,000, you should file a joint return, which must be signed by both spouses.

Make sure you claim all your dependency exemptions. A son or daughter over 21, even if married, can be claimed as a dependent, if he or she meets the requirements. A dependent is anyone who gets more than half of his support from you, has earned less than \$600, is closely related to you, lives in the U.S., Canada or Mexico, or is an American citizen. Age has nothing to do with dependency. If a dependent dies or is born during the year you can claim him as a dependent for the entire year.

The law says that anyone with an income of \$600 or over must file a return, whether they are minors or adults. Minors with incomes of less than \$600 should file to get a refund of their withholding taxes. Incidentally, if your child earns over \$600 you cannot list him as a dependent, even if you supply more than half of his

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Nominations for the GVHC board and auditing committee can still be submitted to the nominations and elections committee, or sent directly to the GVHC office signed by 10 members. The deadline for getting a name on the ballot is 5 p.m. Monday at the office.

2. The GVHC by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any duly functioning membership meeting provided that notice has been sent to the members as prescribed by the by-laws.

3. A quorum at GVHC meetings consists of 10% of the members or 200 members, whichever is less.

4. Officers of GVHC receive \$50 per year; other board members of GVHC, \$400.

5. Voting by mail is illegal in the State of Maryland. However, the GVHC by-laws provide for seeking advice of members through the mail.

support. If he earns \$599.99 or less, you can, if you supply more than half of his support. You can take an extra exemption of \$600 if you or your wife are over 65 and still another \$600 exemption if you or your wife are blind. In other words, if a taxpayer and his wife are over 65 and both are blind, they are allowed 6 exemptions on their return. Dependents are not allowed these additional exemptions.

The following should not be included in your income:

1. Dividend received on a mutual life insurance policy.

2. A tax refund is not income; interest on a tax refund, however, is considered income.

3. Sickness and accident benefits are not income, unless you listed them as medical deductions in a previous income tax report.

There are many other receipts that should not be considered as income but as a refund of previous overpayments, such as the patronage return of a cooperative. Interest received on a co-op stock, savings accounts, savings bonds and building and loan shares are considered as income and should be reported.

In many instances the medical expenses deduction is often the main reason for itemizing deductions. Only medical expenses that exceed 5% of your income are deductible. Thus, if your earnings are \$5000 a year and your medical expenses were \$400 you could only claim \$150 as a medical deduction; since 5% is \$250 your calculation would be \$400 minus \$250 or \$150. This \$150 added to your other deductions, such as state or municipal taxes, interest payments, etc. would be your total deductions. If this figure exceeds 10% of your income you should itemize your deductions, if it doesn't it is more advantageous to take the standard deduction. Medical expenses in some instances warrant the filing of separate returns by couples, when a savings in taxes is effected by so doing. Calculate your taxes both ways before filing, but make sure you do not exceed the medical deduction limitation. Medical expenses include all amounts paid to doctors, dentists, hospitals, for drugs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, health association dues and charges, crutches and any money paid to make you better when you are sick. The law actually goes further than that so if you have any doubts, look into it. If however, a taxpayer or his housewife is 65 or over before the close of a taxable year, he may claim the entire amount of his medical expenses, subject only to the maximum limitations mentioned above.

You must file an estimated tax return if you have income subject to withholding of more than \$4500 plus \$600 for each exemption. In other words, a married man on a salaried basis, with 2 children must file an estimate tax form if his income exceeds \$6400. Also, if you have income of over \$100 not subject to withholding and you expect to receive more than \$600 during the year you must file a form 1040ES.

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